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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a customer of LMI.net, a locally based internet carrier in the Bay Area. I prefer to support them as they are community based small business, the purported backbone of our economy. They provide quality service, respect net neutrality, and protect my privacy...unlike many monopolistic ISP providers.

Competition is good for consumers and good for companies as it forces them to continue to innovate and grow. Monopolies that exist primarily to serve share holder interests (i.e. large ISP) never work out well for consumers, nor for society over the long run. Please allow the 1996 telecommunications act to stand and allow small competitive providers to continue to rent copper wire and spare fiber optic cables between cities.

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